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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

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